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TAGS: PINT PFOR XF MO

SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

REF: STATE 210023

DCM CALLED ON ALLAL AL-FASSI AT HIS HOME OCTOBER 27
AND INFORMED HIM HE INSTRCUTED BY DEPARTMENT TO INFORM
FASSI (1) HIS MESSAGE HAD BEEN RECEIVED, (2) U.S.
APPRECIATED FASSI'S REMARKS ABOUT LONG FRIENDSHIP AND
MUTUAL RESPECT BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES, (3) WE HOPE THAT
FASSI AND OTHER MOROCCAN LEADERS WOULD SUPPORT OUR
EFFORTS TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR JUST PEACE IN MIDDLE
EAST. DCM GAVE HIM COPY OF EXTRACTS FROM SECRETARY'S
OCTOBER 25 PRESS CONFERENCE AND NOTED THAT SECRETARY
HAD REMARKED THAT CONDITIONS WHICH LED TO WAR HAD BEEN
INTOLERABLE FOR ARABS AND THAT U.S. WAS MAKING SINCERE
EFFORT TO FIND SOLUTION WHICH BOTH ARABS AND ISRAELIS
COULD ACCEPT. DCM ADDED THAT HE PERSONALLY FELT MORE
OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR DURABLE PEACE THAN
AT ANY TIME IN RECENT YEARS.

3. FASSI SEEMED PLEASED WITH RESPONSE AND ASKED PERCONFIDENTIAL

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MISSION PUBLISH IT. DCM SAID HE COULD PUBLISH THREE

POINTS OF RESPONSE PLUS SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE REMARK. DCM SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED FASSI AT PARTY HEAD-QUARTERS TO GIVE HIM VERBATIM TRANSLATION SECRETARY'S REMARKS.

3. APPRECIATE VERY MUCH DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE CONTAINED REFTEL AND BELIEVE THIS HAS BEEN USEFUL EXERCISE.

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